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Applicant also wishes to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,034 filed August 30, 2002, by Vasily A. Topolkaraev et al. for "METHOD OF FORMING A 3-DIMENSIONAL FIBER INTO A WEB."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,057 filed August 30, 2002, by Vasily A. Topolkaraev et al. for "METHOD OF MAKING A WEB WHICH IS EXTENSIBLE IN AT LEAST ONE DIRECTION."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,059 filed August 30, 2002, by Vasily A. Topolkaraev et al. for "METHOD OF FORMING A 3-DIMENSIONAL FIBER."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,033 filed August 30, 2002, by Vasily A. Topolkaraev et al. for "A 3-DIMENSIONAL FIBER AND WEB MADE THEREFROM."

19078 PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US03/26247 filed August 22, 2003, by Robert J. Gerndt et al. for
"MULTIPLE IMPACT DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TREATING FLEXIBLE WEBS."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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